



Ryerson, Smith achieve dramatic results in the arts

MVCC's reputation in the arts is well known beyond the borders of the Mohawk Valley. This fact is proven by the announcement of the Willard J. Sauter Award which was presented to Kristin Smith for 2009 and Heather Ryerson for 2010.

"I began my college career at Hartwick College as a music major, but quickly I found that wasn't for me. I had heard of the great reputation MVCC's art program had and I decided to transfer here," said Smith, who is a native of Springfield, Vermont. "This was a very positive decision for me."

The two art students were in attendance of their exhibit opening in the Academic Building Gallery, located on the second floor, on Tuesday with nearly 50 students and College employees in attendance. The Willard J. Sauter Award is in honor of the longtime art instructor who was instrumental in developing the Art Department at the inception of the College.

Smith's favorite medium is charcoal, for its contrast and dramatic lighting abilities. While this is a large portion of her submitted work for the exhibit, she also enjoys working with paints and digital animation.

Ryerson also presented works with charcoal, but has a noticeably different style.

"You can see where Kristin's work is very dramatic which jumps out at you, Heather's work is much more subtle," says Associate Professor James Vitale, III. "They are both excellent artists who have a lot of potential for success after MVCC."

Ryerson, who is also the MVCC Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees, is an amazing story in herself, having overcome macular degeneration of the eyes, leading to potential



SUBTLE IMAGERY - Heather Ryerson was on hand to help celebrate the opening of the Willard J. Sauter Award exhibition.

blindness. This visual limitation was eventually turned into an asset, forcing her to become a very careful observer. While she enjoys working in pencil and charcoal, Ryerson finds working with oil paints allows her the time and opportunity to see what she missed the first time around.

"What I love about oil paints is that you get into it elbows deep, walk away and come back and still make changes because it takes so long to dry. I feel it adds to my creativity," says Ryerson. "I am now able to focus on my artistic expression rather than shortfalls, and explore many media and subjects of interest."

Ryerson is planning on attending Syracuse University to earn a BFA in illustration.

Smith, who is graduating in May 2011 with degrees in Fine Art and Digital Animation, already has her future plans laid out for the next year. This summer she will be moving to New York City, where she has already lined up two showings through contacts. Then in January of 2012, she will be attending the Pratt Institute in New York City.

Who was Willard J. Sauter?:

Willard J. Sauter was among the first group of teachers hired in 1946. He was the first member of the Advertising Design and Production Department after serving in World War II. A painter, teacher and designer, Professor Sauter studied art at the Albright Art School, the Buffalo State Teachers College, the Art Institute of Buffalo, and Syracuse University. He taught art for 43 years, retiring from MVCC as Professor Emeritus in 1976.



POWERFUL IMAGERY - Kristin Smith, from Springfield, Vt., stands by some of her artwork which is on display in the Academic Building Gallery. Smith is the 2009 recipient of the Willard J. Sauter Award.

Honoring Employees for Years of Service



◀ Pam Evans was recently honored for 20 years of service at the College by her co-workers including Mike McHarris, John Bullis and President VanWagoner. Pam is the Supervisor of Building Services.

Allison Grimshaw was honored by President VanWagoner for her 30 years of service at the College. Allison is a Building Maintenance Worker in the Alumni College Center.



Child Lego dream world at Kiddie Campus

Rich Haubert from the Marketing and Communications Office brought his Lego world train set to the Kiddie Campus this week as part of a show and tell. Haubert, who built this models with his children as their Christmas train set, answered the many questions from the children.

The exhibit, totally made from Legos, consisted of a main street, working train engine and cars, and a shopping village.



Monday, December 13

- 8:00 am - Final Exams, ACC 116/Gym
- 1:00 pm - Nutcracker Practice, Theater
- 2:30 pm - Dental Hygiene Radiology Final Exam, RA 306
- 4:00 pm - RA Dinner, Interlude
- 5:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Beginners, ACC 116
- 6:30 pm - CCED/Tai Chi Advanced, ACC 116

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:00 am - Final Exams, Gym
- 3:30 pm - MVCC Employee Christmas Party, IT Lobbies/IT 225
- 11:00 am - Tech Tuesdays, PC 209, AB 261
- 1:00 pm - Tech Tuesdays, PC 209, AB 261
- 1:00 pm - Nutcracker Set-up, Theater
- 5:00 pm - Alcohol Education, ACC 212
- 7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC 116
- 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Wednesday, December 15

- 9:00 am - Web Wednesdays, PC 209, AB 261
- 2:00 pm - Web Wednesdays, PC 209, AB 261
- 2:30 pm - Nutcracker Practice, Theater
- 4:00 pm - College Works Christmas Party, ACC 116
- 7:00 pm - Night Hawk Café, MV Commons

Thursday, December 16

- 7:30 am - CCED/Advanced Hydronic System -IT 225
- 10:00 am - V8 Thursdays, PC 209, AB 261
- 11:30 am - Student Services Holiday Party, ACC 116
- 1:00 pm - V8 Thursdays, PC 209, AB 261
- 3:30 pm - CSTEP, Interlude
- 6:00 pm - Graduation, Theater with Reception to follow
- 7:00 pm - BBG Dance, ACC 116

Friday, December 17

- 2:30 pm - Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal, Theater
- 7:00 pm - Nutcracker Performance, Theater

Saturday, December 18

- 8:00 am - Motorcycle Safety Course, RA 207
- 2:00 pm - Nutcracker Performance, Theater
- 7:00 pm - Nutcracker Performance, Theater

Sunday, December 19

- 2:00 pm - Nutcracker Performance, Theater

MVCC.edu to launch soon

MVCC's website will get a new design and navigation the week of Dec. 13-17, once technical preparations are done.

The new site's navigation will be more intuitive. Its most prominent feature will be large tabs at the top of the home page asking people to identify themselves as "future students," "current students," "faculty and staff," and so on. Content will be customized depending on what button users choose.

The pages that people use most will still be part of the site, but they may look different and be in different locations within the site. SIRS, Blackboard, e-mail, course search, advising, billing, Libraries and class cancellations will be in menus or buttons on the left side of most pages below the home page. SIRS will be found via a blue, square button labeled "SIRS" on the lower left side of most pages. The new site's Google-powered search engine will be in the upper right-hand corner of nearly every page. For comments, e-mail SCAS@mvcc.edu.

**Submit information for Communitas to
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Deadline for Heart & Pride awards is Jan. 11

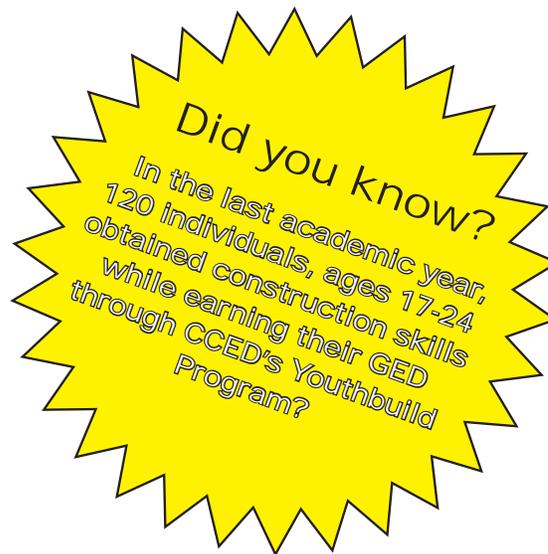
Take a minute to congratulate a co-worker for a job well done; thank someone who always makes your workday better; give a thumbs up to that person who offers up their best, regardless how difficult the task; or tell a colleague that their work has made a difference in your life.

The nomination deadline for Heart of the Hawk and Pride of the Hawk -Jan. 2011 awards is Wednesday, January 19th. Award winners will be announced at the Feb. 1st meeting of the College Senate, according to the Employee Recognition Committee. The Heart (teachers) and Pride (staff) of the Hawk awards are made every October, January, and April to recognize exceptional work, service leadership, and/or professional conduct that helps define MVCC's commitment to excellence and a spirit of service.

Each Heart and Pride winner's name is engraved on plaques that are on display in the MVCC Board Room (PH300)

At the end of the Academic Year, one Heart and one Pride winner are selected by the Board of Trustees to receive the Heart of Hearts and Pride of the Pride award as most outstanding teacher or staff member of the year. This recognition comes with a \$1000 award.

Submit all nominations through the MVCC Website (Administrative Services/Human Resources/Employee Recognition). Nominations received after the Jan. 19 deadline will be considered in the April cycle!



Penny auction baskets still being accepted

The Employee Recognition Committee is continuing to collect baskets for the Penny Auction at the End of the Semester "Celebration of Success." This has become one of the highlights of party, so please consider donating a basket.

All proceeds from the basket raffle will go to the Charity that receives the most votes at the party.

If you have any questions please contact Marie Kohl on the Utica Campus at ext. 5340 or Sue Halbritter on the Rome Campus at ext. 7707.

Gillette conference unites colleges on issues faced by all

The James G. Gillette College Administrative Professionals Luncheon was held Monday, November 15, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome.

This event was a professional development workshop for administrative support staff sponsored by a memorial fund set up by the late James Gillette to help bring area colleges together to discuss issues faced all the institutions of higher education.

The theme of this year's event was "The Age of Speed and Hustle," covering how times have changed with the way students, faculty and staff communicate. The keynote speaker was Renée Downey-Hart, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor at LeMoyne College, and a partner in the firm of Eagle Consultants, an international organizational development and training firm based in Syracuse.

The presentation drew on her more than 25 years of experience as a business professional, where she brought a real world focus to this dynamic training session.

In attendance were representatives from the Utica School of Commerce, SUNY IT, Utica College and MVCC. The departments represented included admissions, registrar, community education and student services.

Along with the keynote speaker, there were breakout sessions entitled "Breaking Tradition" presented by Kristen Bowers of MVCC's Rome Campus. In these breakout sessions, participants were able to work on solutions and responses faced by every college. Part of the discuss included the emergence of virtual tours as compared to the traditional tour where student



and parents come to the campus for a personal tour.

Comments from those in attendance included "The workshop created a better understanding of Generation Y" and "The speaker was dynamic and well-versed on the technology effect on college services and Kristen also brought the program to personal experience."

At the close of the event, a few of the attendees expressed interest in having this event over the summer. As part of the planning process, they have agreed to market the event on respective campuses to generate a higher attendance.



Hawk player recruited to play in Florida

Zachary Ciccotti has signed a letter of intent to play his junior and senior year of baseball at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.

Ciccotti is the Hawks' team captain this year and fills the roll of catcher. During his freshman year with the Hawks, Ciccotti batting average was .350 which included four home runs. His strength lies behind the plate where he threw out base runners attempting to steal 80 percent of the time.

"They contacted me and asked if I would be willing to come down to Florida so they could take a look at me," said Ciccotti. "After the workout, they told me they were liked what they saw and that I would be a good fit to their program. They signed me right there."

Ciccotti will complete this spring's schedule with MVCC and graduate in May with a degree in Sports Management.

Athlete of the Week

The Hawks women's basketball team is flying strong heading into the winter break with back to back victories over nationally ranked teams.

Leading in these games was Krystal Fluellen. Her performance earned her the honor of MVCC's Athlete of the Week

Fluellen averaged 10 points and 15.5 rebounds in leading the wins over Division II Genesee Community College and No. 9 nationally ranked Onondaga Community College.

The sophomore Business Management major is a graduate of Richard R. Green High School of Teaching.



Fluellen